GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 r/w Rule-24 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 765 Dated: 28-07-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, letter RE.No.27/RE-REG/2020-S.10, Dated:22.10.2024.
2. Govt.Memo.No.2725819/Vig.III/A1/2025-1, dt.11.05.2025.
3. From the DG, ACB, letter RE.No.27/RE-REG/2020-S.10, Dated:25.05.2025.
4. G.O.Ms.No.256, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:28.07.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 r/w Rule-24 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau during the Regular Enquiry conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II, III & IV).

3. Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above, further actions will be processed based on the material available.

(P.T.O)

6. Attention of Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri R. Srinivas, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, East Godavari District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The District Collector, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI RANGISETTY SRINIVASU, A/51 YEARS, DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, SAMALKOT MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT, (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 27/RE-REG/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri Rangisetty Srinivasu, S/o. Ramulu, 51 years, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 15.07.2019 to 17.03.2020 (till the date of Regular Enquiry) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as a Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) by abusing his official position in collusion with Tahsildar Sri V. Jithendra / Government Servant-1 and the AGP Sri Venkateswara Rao demanded bribe @ 5% on the consideration value i.e., Rs.32,90,000/- and he (Government Servant) accepted Rs.30,000/- as advance from the Petitioner Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddy to issue pattadar passbook with regard to the agricultural land of 2.43 Acers situated in Sy.No.113/3 in G.Medapadu Revenue Village, Samalkot Mandal which acquired through Court auction held by the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge Court Kakinada.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rule 3(1), 3 (2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI RANGISETTY SRINIVASU, AGE 51 YEARS, FORMER DEPUTY TAHSILDAR, SAMALKOT MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT, (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN 27/RE-REG/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri Rangisetty Srinivasu S/o Ramulu, 51 years, Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) is a native of Jaggayya Peta, Krishna District. His date of birth is 21.08.1973. He joined in the Government Service on 01.03.1992 as Typist and posted at O/o Collectorate, Kakinada. On consequent promotions, he rose to the rank of Deputy Tahsildar on 30.04.2013 and worked in the same capacity at O/o Inavilli, Jaggayyapeta, Samalkot. His basic pay is Rs. 53,950/- (29,760-80930). He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2035 (62 Years). He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

Whereas, the Petitioner Medapati Ramachandra Reddy stated that he is residing in Mahendrawada village along with his family members. He is eking his livelihood by doing Finance business. On seeing the publication in Praja Sakthi News Paper, he came to know that the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge Court, Kakinada is going to conduct an auction for the land to an extent of Ac.2.43 in Survey No.111/3 at G. Medapadu (V), Samalkot Mandal. He attended for auction on 09.08.2018. Four to five persons have also attended the auction along with him. In that auction, the said land Ac.2.43 cents in Survey No.111/3 was owned by him for Rs.32,90,000/-. Then he applied for the Pattadar pass book through Mee-Seva on **11.07.2019** vide application No. RMU011902392412. But his application was rejected by Tahsildar / Government Servant-1 on 10.08.2019. Later, he met Tahsildar / Government Servant-1 regarding his application, then Government Servant-1 demanded 5% of amount as bribe through Government Servant-2 on the registration value for mutation and to issue pattadar passbook for the Agricultural land in an extent of 2.43 Acres situated in Sy.No.111/3 in G.Medapadu (V), Samalkot (M) of the petitioner. The Government Servant received Rs. 30,000/- from the petitioner and Sri Kakara Venkateswara Rao, Former AGP East Godavari District has demanded Rs.1,00,000/- as bribe to issue a legal opinion in favour of the petitioner and mutation and to issue pattadar passbook.

In this connection, the petitioner registered the complaint through C.M.O Call Centre on 14.01.2020 alleging that Government Servant-1 has demanded 5% of amount as bribe and Government Servant accepted an amount of Rs. 30,000/- as bribe from the petitioner to mutation and to issue pattadar passbook for the said Agricultural land. I conducted a discreet enquiry into this matter and submitted a report to Hon'ble DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada. Later on 17.03.2020 the Hon'ble DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada, instructed to conduct a Regular Enquiry vide C.No-27/RE-REG/2020, dt. 17.03.2020 against the Government Servants. Thus, the Government Servants has committed the misconduct as follows.

CHARGE:-

That the Government Servant while working as a Deputy Tahsildar, Samalkot Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) by abusing his official position in collusion with Tahsildar Sri V. Jithendra / Government Servant-1 and the AGP Sri Venkateswara Rao demanded bribe @ 5% on the consideration value (Rs.32,90,000/-) and he (Government Servant) accepted Rs.30,000/- as advance from Petitioner/Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddy to issue pattadar passbook with regard to the agricultural land of 2.43 Acers situated in Sy.No.113/3 in G.Medapadu Revenue Village, Samalkot Mandal which acquired through Court auction held by the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge Court Kakinada.

EVIDENCE:
The above allegations against Government Servant proved basing on the following evidence:

On examination the petitioner, Medapati Ramachandra Reddy stated that he is residing in Mahendrawada village along with his family members. He is eking livelihood by doing Finance business. On Seeing the publication in Praja Sakthi News Paper, he came to know that the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge Court, Kakinada is going to conduct auction for the land an extent of Ac.2.43 in Survey No.111/3 at G. Medapadu(V), Samalkot Mandal. Later, when he enquired about the owner of the said land, he came to know that the said land belongs to Sri Thadi Srinivasa Reddy, S/o Satyanarayana Reddy of Pulagurtha Village, Anaparthi Mandal. Since Sri Thadi Srinivasa Reddy had took loan from Sri Nallamilli Ramesh Reddy of Edurupaka Village, Rayavaram Mandal for his personal needs and failed to repay the same, Sri Nallamilli Ramesh Reddy filed a suit vide O.S. No.173/13 in the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge, Ramachandrapuram. Later the Hon'ble Court gave orders for attachment on the above said land in I.P. No.579/2013 in O.S. No.173/13. Further the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge Court, Kakinada conducted auction for the above said property on the file of E.P petition filed by Sri Nallamilli Ramesh Reddy vide E.P No.90/2017 in O.S. No.173/2013. After that he attended for auction on 09.08.2018. Four to five persons were also attended for the auction along with him. In that auction the said land Ac.2.43 cents in Survey No.111/3 was owned by him for Rs.32,90,000/-. Out of the said amount ¼ of amount was paid in cash to the Court on the same day. He had also received the receipt for the 1/4th paid amount i.e., Rs.8,22,000/- by the Court. Then the Court informed him to pay the remaining amount of Rs.24,65,500/- within 14 days. Accordingly, he also paid the balance amount of Rs.24,65,500/- along with the registration amount of Rs.2,30,300/- by way of Demand Draft from SBI, Anaparthi in the name of Court.

Later the Court informed the Tahsildar office, Samalkot to refer if any objections are there in the said property. As the Tahsildar did not submit any objections, the Hon'ble Court gave Sale Confirmation Certificate in his name on 10.10.2018. Later on 25.02.2019 the Court Ameen handed over the physical possession over the said land to him. In the month of July, 2019 when he met Government Servant for issue of Pattadar passbook for the above said land he was advised to apply in Mee-Seva. Then he applied for the Pattadar pass book through Mee-Seva on 11.07.2019 vide application No.RMU011902392412. But his application

was rejected by Government Servant-1 on 10.08.2019. But he didn't receive either phone message or endorsement about the rejection of his application. When he went to the O/o Tahsildar and met Government Servant-1, he came to know that his application was rejected for want of legal opinion and The Government Servant-1 advised him to take legal opinion from Sri K. Venkateswara Rao, AGP, Kakinada and after obtaining the legal opinion apply through Mee-Seva again for Pattadar pass book.

Later on 17.08.2020 the Court sale was entered along with the Petitioners name in SRO Office, Samalkot vide Document No 132/2019. Few days after rejection of his application on the instructions of Government Servant-1, he went to Kakinada and met Sri Kakara Venkateswara Rao, AGP for getting legal opinion. Then the AGP demanded him to pay Rs.1,00,000/- for him and 5% commission on the court consideration value of the said land for the Government Servant-1 and Government Servant. Then the Petitioner said that he purchased the said land in the auction held by the Hon'ble Court and there was no litigations about the land, returned home. Later on 03.10.2019 again he applied for the Pattadar passbook to the Tahsildar, Samalkot in Mee-Seva vide application No.RMU011903111049.

Later, when he went to Tahsildar office again and met the Government Servant. Then Government Servant demanded to pay 5% commission on the court consideration value of the said land. When he expressed his inability to pay the demanded bribe, the Government Servant demanded to pay Rs.50,000/- at first instance and pay the remaining amount later. The Government Servant also informed the petitioner that the Government Servant-1 asked him to demand the bribe from him and also his work will be completed only after he pays the demanded bribe to them as informed by the Government Servant-1. As there was no alternative, he paid an amount of Rs.30,000/- to the Government Servant as formality. Even after paying the bribe to Government Servant his work was not completed. For that he went to the Tahsildar office Samalkot and when enquired they said that they will complete his work. But as his work was not completed, he went to the Tahsildar office Samalkot and met the Government Servant -1 again in the month of November 2019. Then the Government Servant-1 informed that his application was rejected on 04.11.2019 as the legal opinion which was issued by the AGP Sri Kakara Venkateswara Rao was against to him.

The Government Servant-1 himself admitted in his explanation that the petitioner Medapati Ramachandra Reddy acquired the land through the process of the court and the court amina put him in possession of the land and same certificate was also issued on 10.10.2018 knowing all the facts., the Government Servant-1, the Government Servant and AGP demanded bribe for the mutation and issuing of the Pass Book in favour of the petitioner and the petitioner failed to met their demand, the applications of petitioner were rejected which is against to the court procedure.

Few days after rejection of his application on 10.08.2019, the petitioner on the instructions of Government Servant-1 met the said former AGP Sri Kakara Venkateswara Rao in his office and requested to issue Legal Opinion. Then the AGP told the petitioner that the Tahsildar said the issue to him and demanded to pay

Rs.1,00,000/- for him and 5% commission on the court consideration value of the said land for the Government Servant-1 and Government Servant.

As per the legal opinion issued by Sri Kakara Venkateswara Rao former AGP, Kakinada the attachment orders were in force from 19.04.2013 to 02.07.2013. On 20.04.2013 Sri Thadi Srinivasa Reddy sold away the property during the pendency of Court attachment, to Smt Palakurthi Tulasamma, W/o. Lakshman Rao of G. Medapadu village, Samalkot Mandal on the very next day after the attachment effected dated 19.04.2013 vide document No. 4950/2013 dated 20.04.2013 of SRO, Samalakot. It clearly shows the property was sold during the pendency of attachment which has no legal sanctity. The AGP knowingly did not mention the said legal procedure in his opinion since the petitioner failed to comply the demanded bribe amount and gave opinion that the court auction is not valid as the court conducted the auction without any attachment orders and it amounts to second sale for the same property. Even as per his explanation the attachment orders are in force from 19.04.2013 to 02.07.2013. During enquiry on examination the court Superintendent, Principal Senior Civil Judge court, Kakinada stated that the attachment was effected on 19.04.2013 as per the orders of Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge Court Ramachandrapuram are in force till the date of realization of that amount. As per the above facts and evidence the legal opinion issued by the AGP since the petitioner did not met illegal demand and that gave opinion against to him in spite the court proceedings and the Tahsildar rejected the application of the petitioner for twice as he didn't fulfil their demand of bribe.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 to 6 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 to 23 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e., he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby violated / contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered herself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES

1	Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddy, S/o. Venkata Reddy, 30 years, Mahendravada Village, Anaparthi Mandal
2	Sri A.G.China Krishna, s/o (Late) Veeraswami, 54 years, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, East Godavari District, N/o Pennada Agraharam Village, Palakoderu Mandal, West Godavari District
3	Sri Pantam Ramana Kumar, S/o (Late) Annavaram, 36 years, R/o D.No.18-8-17/8, BVR Plaza, Ganapatinagaram, Samalkot (V) & (M)
4	Sri Komarapu Raj Kumar, S/o Surya Rao, 49 years, Superintendent, Prl. Senior Civil Judge Court, Kakinada
5	Sri. P.V.G Tilak, Inspector of Police, O/o Dy.Suptd. of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range.
6	Sri Y.Satish, Inspector of Police, O/o Dy.Suptd. of Police, Anti- Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range.
7	Any other witnesses whose evidence is relevant during investigation.

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ANNEXURE – IV
LIST OF DOCUMENTS

1.	Attested copy of Mee-Seva/SRO application status in web-land vide Application No.RMU011902392412
2.	Attested copy of Form-8 generated by the Tahsildar, dt.15.07.2019
3.	Attested copy of VRO verification report for application no. RMU011902392412, dt.9.08.2019
4.	Attested copy of objection letter of Palakurthi Sathibabu to the Tahsildar, Samarlakota, dt.23.07.2019
5.	Attested copy of application filed by Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddy vide application no. RMU011903111049, dt.03.10.2019
6.	Attested copy of Mee-Seva/SRO application status in web land vide application no. RMU011903111049
7.	Attested copy of Form-8 generated by the Tahsildar, dt.15.10.2019
8.	Attested copy of VRO verification report for application no. RMU011903111049, dt.10.10.2019
9.	Attested copy of endorsement of the Tahsildar to Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddy, dt.30.10.2019
10.	Attested court copies in I.A. No.579/13 in O.S. No.179/13 in the court of the Senior Civil Judge, Ramachandrapuram
11.	Attested copies of judgement in O.S. No.173/2013 in the court of the Senior Civil Judge Ramachandrapuram
12.	Certified copies of E.P. No.90/2017 in No.173/2013 in the court of the Prl. Senior Civil Judge, Kakinada. (Complete record)
13.	Attested copy of the letter addressed to the AGP, Kakinada, East Godavari District by the Tahsildar, Samarlakota, East Godavari District seeking legal opinion. dt.06.08.2019
14.	Attested copy of legal opinion issued by AGP, Kakinada, East Godavari District. dt.17.09.2019
15.	Attested copy of letter addressed by the Tahsildar, Samarlakota, East Godavari District to RDO, Kakinada. dt.06.08.2019 for seeking suggestions
16.	Attested copy of reply of the RDO, Kakinada to the Tahsildar, Samalkot dt.13.08.2019
17.	Letter addressed by Prl. Senior Civil Judge to the Sub-Registrar, Samarlakota, East Godavari District. Dt.29.11.2018
18.	Attested copy of E.C. on property to an extent of 2.43 Acres in Sr.No.111/3 G.Medapadu (V), Samarlakota(M), East Godavari District.
19.	Representation of Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddyto the District Collector, East Godavari District, RDO, Kakinada, East Godavari District and Tahsildar, Samarlakota, East Godavari District. Dt.23.01.2020.
20.	Copy of Writ Petition vide WP.No.3383/2020 filed by Sri Medapati Ramachandra Reddy in Hon'ble High Court, Amaravathi, Andhra Pradesh
21.	Attested copy of sale deed vide document no.4950/2013, dt.20.04.2013 of SRO, Samarlakota
22.	Attested copy of gift deed vide document no.3436/2014, dt.28.10.2014 of SRO, Samarlakota

23.	Attested copy of legal notice, dt.23.07.2019 issued by Sri Palakurthi Manasa to the District Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada, The Joint Collector, East Godavari District, Kakinada, The Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada and The Tahsildar, Samalkota (M), Samalkota
24.	Any Other records which are required during the course of investigation will be obtained.

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